

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 January 1964		2. LOCATION Frankfort, Kentucky		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>not reported</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE not reported	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object that looked like a star moving in sky. Approached rapidly. Went inside to call friend on phone. Went back out and object was trailing smoke. Object was observed by friend. Disappeared quickly. Report received in letter form.				11. COMMENTS Duration indicates several minute observations. Essential data missing. for evaluation. Case carried as insufficient data. Letter answered by SAFOI. No form 164 sent.	

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Frankfort, Kentucky
February 1, 1964

Mr. Robert McNamara
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McNamara:

Something is puzzling me very much and I thought perhaps you could answer this for me.

Late in October, early in the evening, my ten year old grandson and I noted in the Eastern sky, not too high above the horizon, what appeared to be a very brilliant star - as large as the Evening Star - but we noted that it moved very rapidly and soon disappeared in the distance.

On Wednesday of this week, January 29th, while watching for the new Echo II to appear and not knowing just which direction it would come from, I noted a huge star which I thought was the Echo II and was surprised with the rapidity with which it came. I immediately phoned a friend to look at the Echo, went in my yard to see it again, when to my amazement, I noticed it had a trail of smoke coming from it only a short distance, and it disappeared very quickly. My friend called me back to say surely that was not the Echo as she, too, had noted the trail of smoke.

My question is, what is this amazing thing we have seen? Had I not seen the trail of smoke, I would have thought it the Echo.

I might add, that I found the Echo II and watch it nightly, being an avid watcher still of Echo I. To me, they are the most amazing things I have seen.

Thank you for any information you can give me.

Very truly yours,

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Mrs. [REDACTED]
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Mr. Robert McNamara
Secretary of Defense
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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your letter of February 1, 1964, addressed to the Secretary of Defense, in which you requested information on an unusual phenomena you witnessed last October, and again on January 29th.

It is difficult to evaluate what the object or objects were that you saw without additional details such as description or size, shape or color, direction and elevation, and exact time and location. However, previous reports of this nature which were investigated by the Air Force have almost invariably resulted in an evaluation of a meteor or a high-flying aircraft.

We appreciate your report of this sighting and it is regretted that a more enlightening answer cannot be given.

Sincerely,

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